

Oranges and lemons say the bells of St. Clements, but what do they know, anyway. This is Black Hole, a sine published approx. every third Saturday by Douglas Reiff, 87 Grosvenor Rd., Kenmore, NY 14225. Subs are 11/92, and of course trades are welcome. All games are protected by DNYMFA.

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I've been sitting here staring at the typewriter for about five minutes now, and I am absolutely speechless. Maybe I'll give you a game, and by the time I come back I'll have something inspired to type...

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Spring 1905

THE SAME OLD SONG AND DANCE

AUSTRIA (Smith): A Tri-Vie

FRANCE (Barents): F Nrg S German F Nth-Nwy, F Mid-Iri, A Lon-Wal, F Wes-Tun, F Ion S Italian F Eas-Aeg, A Tyr S Italian A Ven-Tri, A Mar-Pie, A Tus S A Mar-Pie

GERMANY (McLendon): A Sil-War, A Ber-Fru, A Yor-Edi, A Swe-Liv, F Bal C A Swe-Liv, F Nth-Nwy, F Den-Ska

ITALY (Charnley): F Eas-Aeg, A Ser-Gre, F Nap-Tyr, A Ven S French A Tyr-Fri, F Alb (unordered) H

RUSSIA (Strain): A Gal S A Vie, A Vie S A Gal, F Nwy H, F Cly-Liv, A War S A Gal

OTTOMAN (Grabar): A Con-Bul, F Smy-Eas, F Aeg S F Gre-Ion, F Gre-Ion, A Sev-Mos, F Bla-Sev, A Bud S A Rum-Ser, A Rum-Ser

Underlined moves fail. The Russian F Nwy is dislodged and must retreat to Swe, Bar, Ste(no) or OTB, and the Italian A Ser is annihilated. The deadline for Fall 1905 moves is 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 13, 1977, and they may be made conditional on the retreat. Press follows. COA--Dave Grabar, 4346 E. Armet Ct., Las Vegas, Nevada 89110.

Constantinople: Alas, we are moving in order to establish the direct opposite utopian society hereby known and followed throughly.
Kenmore (MOHAIR): Run that one by again?

Marital Bliss Dept.

Engineer Wilfred John was reasonably happy with married life until his 29 year old wife, Cora, started taking her nine pet hedgehogs to bed with them. Wilfred, 45, has applied for a divorce and a zoologist is giving evidence on his behalf, saying that hedgehogs are not merely prickly but also carry fleas. Buffalo Courier-Express July 28

While there is still room, let me take the space to urge you to send in any upcoming COA's for the mailing list to be published next issue.

GREAT POWERS TAKE A VACATION

The French A Ven retreated to Rom. No retreat was received for the dislodged English F Swe, so it is removed. The other draw vote was unanimous.

ENGLAND (Gale): No moves received! F Bar, F Big, A Lit, F Nth & F Bst H. Owns Edi, Liv (2). Remove 3.
 FRANCE (Michalski): A Kle S A Rich-Mun, A Rich-Lon, F Eng-Lon, F Tun S Italian F Apu-Lon, F Lyo-Tyr, F Hes S F Lyo-Tyr, A Hol S A Kle, A Boh-Gal, A Rom-Nap. Owns Bel, Bre, Hol, Kle, Lon, Mar, Mun, Par, Per, Rom, Spa, Tun (12). Build 3.
 GERMANY (Strain): F Dan & A Ber H. Owns Ber, Den (2). Even.
 ITALY (Mirassou): A Ven E, F Apu-Nap. Owns Nap, Ven (2). Even.
 RUSSIA (Rowland): A Vie-Gal, A Sil-Gal, A Tri-Tyr, F Rum-Bul(ec), A Stp-Nwy, A Swe S A Stp-Nwy, A Pru-Ber, F Bob-Bal. Owns Bud, Bul, Mos, Nwy, Rum, Sev, Stp, Swe, Tri, War (11). Build 3.
 TURKEY (Boniface): No moves received! F Ion, F Aeg, F Eas, F Alb, A Gce & A Ser H. Owns Ank, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy (5). Remove 1.

Underlined moves fail. Winter 1904 adjustments are due immediately. Spring 1905 moves are due 7:30 PM, Thursday, September 15, 1977 and may be made conditional on the adjustment 3. COA--(Sept 2) Alan Rowland, College Station, Box 2173, Easton, Pa. 18042. Will Ron Kelly, 225 Virginia Ave. SE, #120, Washington, DC 20061 please standby for England. Will August Lukow, 7600 Riverview Dr. SE, Apt 205, Jenison, Michigan 49428 please standby for Turkey. There are proposals for E/F/R/T and F/R/T draws. Please vote, and remember that absence of a vote counts no. Your vote may be made conditional on the player of a country. Press fellows.

Berlin: French offer to take Berlin is hereby rejected.

Amsterdam (American Steppe News Service): The British, French, and Russian envoys were walking down the street discussing great achievements in human history. The British envoy said, "I believe the Americans putting a man on the moon is the greatest thing ever accomplished by man." "No, I cannot agree," said the French envoy. "Surely Dr. Barnard's heart transplants must take the honor." "I dunno, uh, no," mumbled the Russian envoy, stopping to examine a cigar butt in the gutter. "No, duh THELSON BOTTLE's gotta be our greatest thing ever invented by man." Seeing the incredulity as well as the usual disgust in the faces of his companions, he went on to explain. "It gets me movin' parts. You go for 2411 it will o' hot coffee in sun mornin' and it come for 11 it night, you can still o' fill o' ice water in sun mornin' and it come for 11 it night. How DOat know? How DO it know?"

St. Louis-Gay Paris: Pull me, I'm a piece of sally.

You too can start a profitable business manufacturing sneakers at home for just pennies a shoe. See next page for details.

Tummy in the Tummy Dept.

They're making a federal case out of an effort to dedicate an Agriculture Department cafeteria to a 19th Century guide convicted of eating five of his customers. The fuss began when department officials put up a plaque in the small cafeteria which includes an executive dining room used by Agriculture Secretary Robert Bergland. The \$29 plaque, paid for by two Bergland aides, designated the room as the Alfred M. Packer Grill.

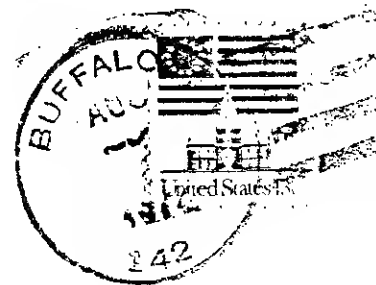
Packer was convicted of cannibalism on charges that in 1874 he killed and ate five prospectors he was guiding through the Rockies. In sentencing Packer, a Colorado judge allegedly said: "There was only six Democrats in all of Hinsdale county and you, you man-eater, ate five of them. I sentence you to hang by the neck until you're dead, dead, dead, as a warning against further reducing the Democratic population of this county." Packer, however, was later paroled and died in Littleton, a Denver suburb, in 1907. And, of course, the judge later denied the quote.

The plaque was removed on orders of Melvin Schick, a General Services Administration official who is the Agriculture Department's building manager.irate Bergland aides said Mr. Schick told them the plaque was in bad taste and they had no right to hang it without his approval. Tom Sand, Bergland's press aide, demanded that Mr. Schick produce the regulations backing up his action. He said he will submit the regulations to Agriculture Department lawyers for study before Mr. Bergland is asked what to do next and whether a formal request for permission to rehang the plaque may be made. The regulations appeared unclear except on one point, Mr. Sand said. He said they clearly contain a ban on spending government money to remove memorials. "They removed the plaque at government expense which is clearly prohibited by paragraph 51-B," Mr. Sand contended.

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